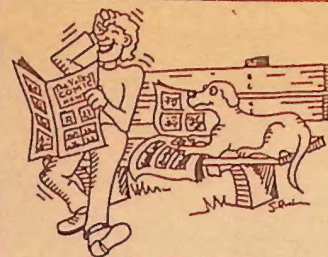


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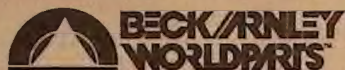




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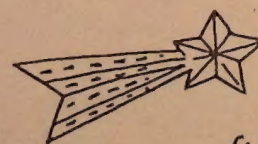
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- The airshow over Baghdad is exactly what George Bush promised us- a thousand points of light
- Defense secretary Cheney and Joint Chiefs Chairman Powell hold a news conference right after the opening kick-off. If the coalition is Our Gang then it makes sense for Spanky and Buckwheat to be in charge.
- Billy Graham is invited to sleep over Georgie Bush's house while the minister from Georgie's church is rallying with the peace activists outside of the White House. Wasn't it Manny Noriega who showed us that Georgie Bush is only a fair-weather friend?
- This war may not become another Vietnam but that doesn't mean we aren't in for decades of anguish and confusion.
- Some may call it the Gulf War. To us it's the Nintendo War.



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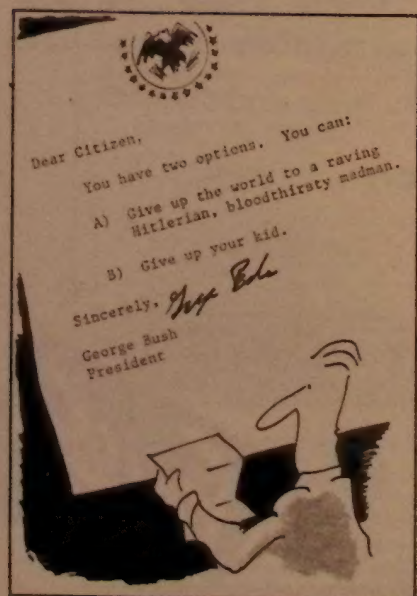
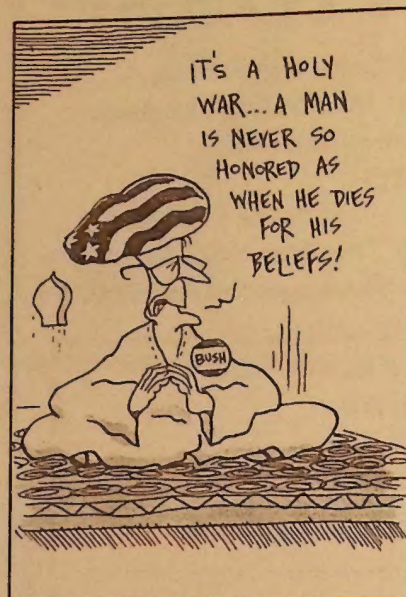
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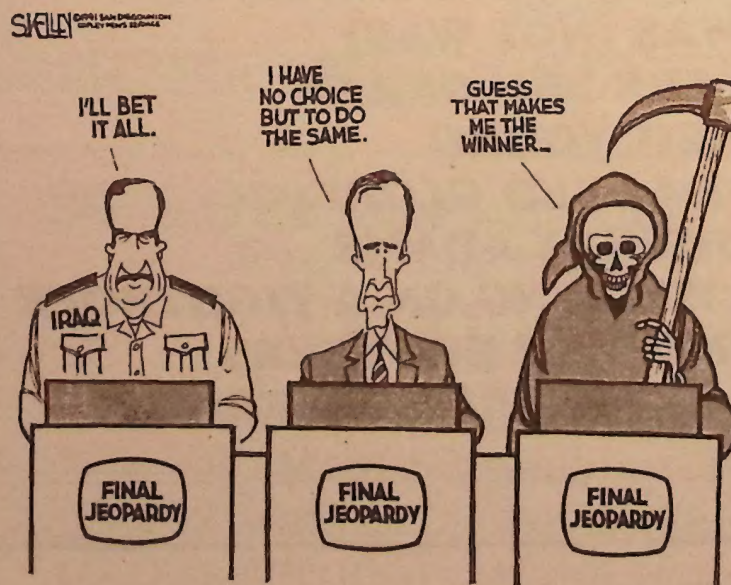
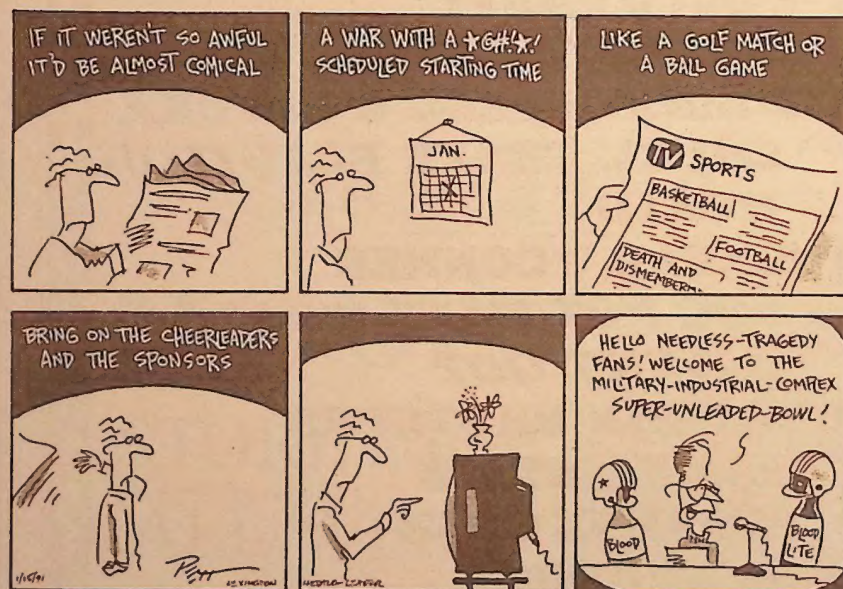
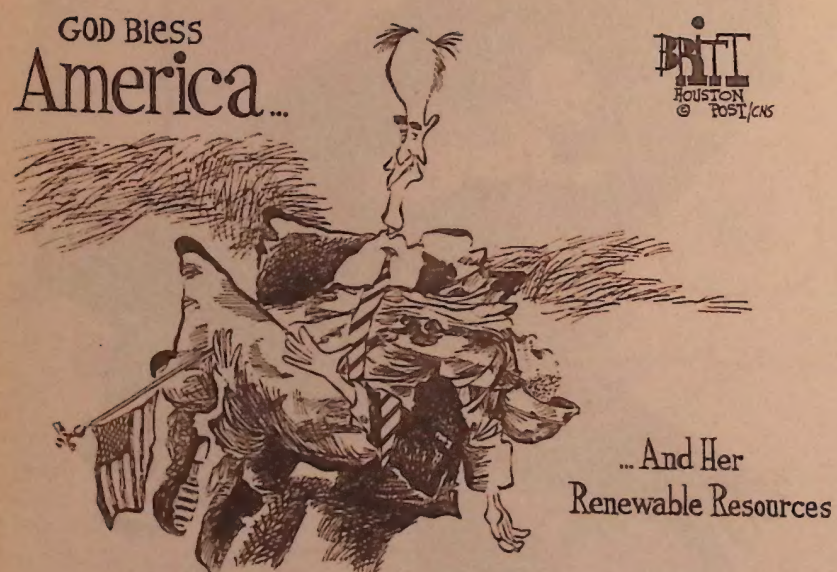
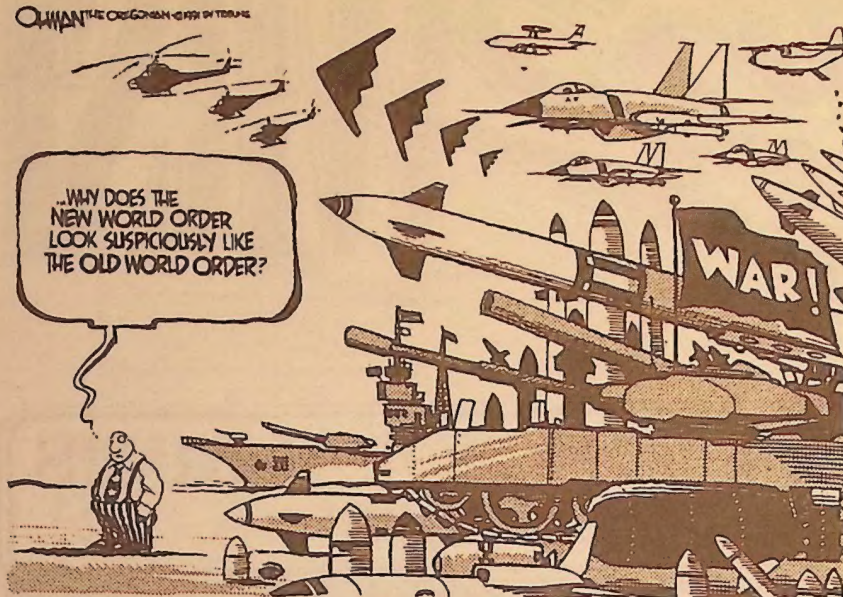
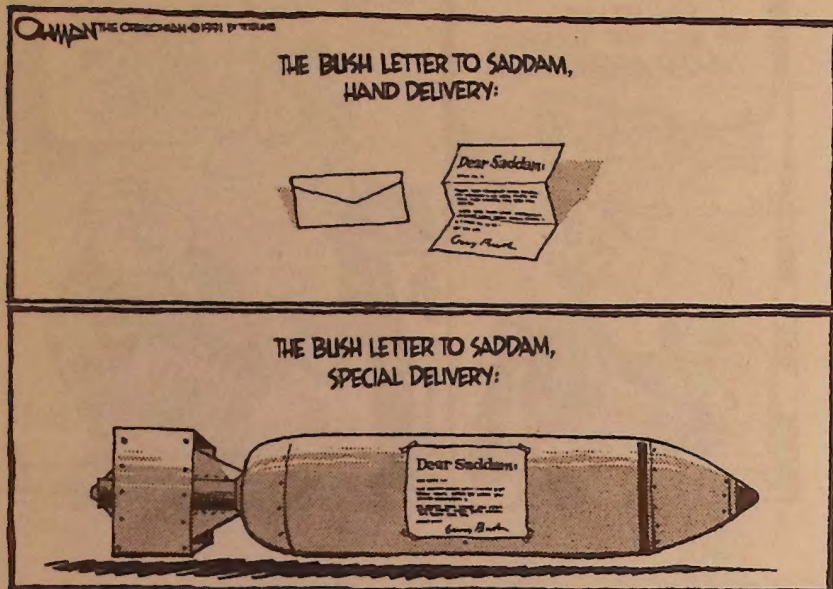
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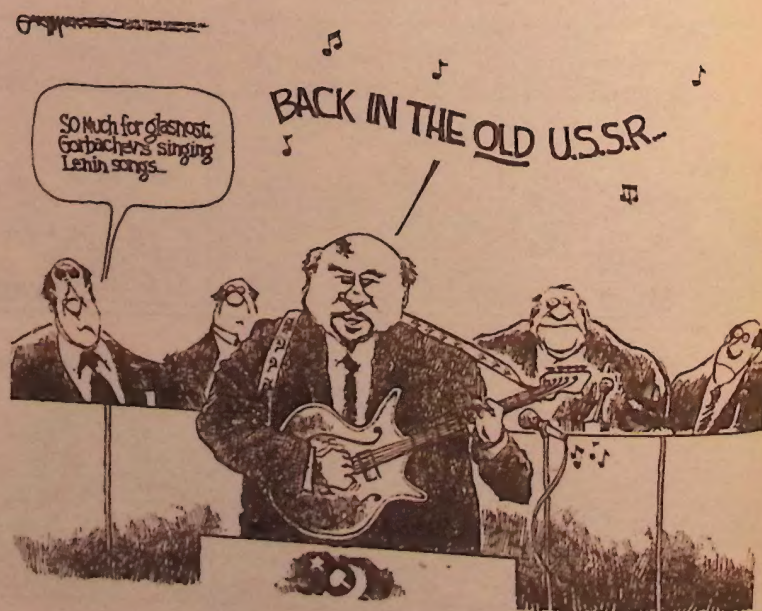
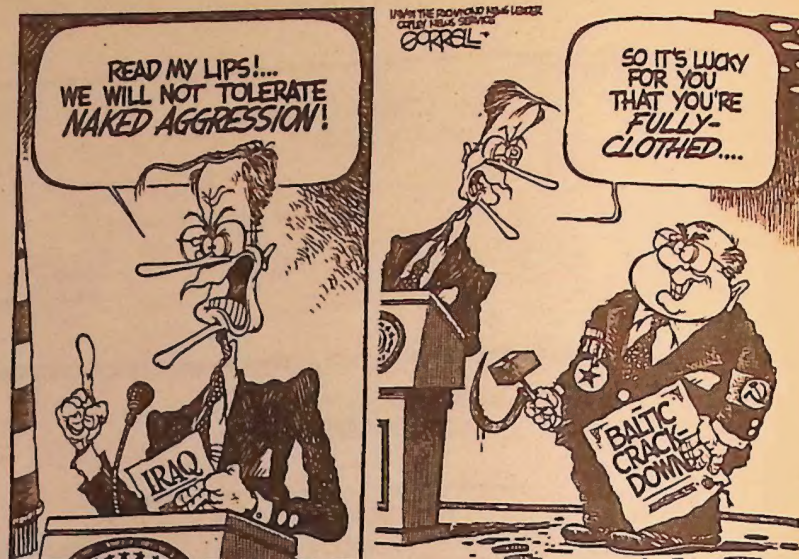




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**FAMILY STYLE**
- 5) **ROSANNE CASH**  
**INTERIORS**
- 6) **JOHN HIATT**  
**STOLEN MOMENTS**
- 7) **WAS (NOT WAS)**  
**ARE YOU OKAY?**
- 8) **NEIL YOUNG**  
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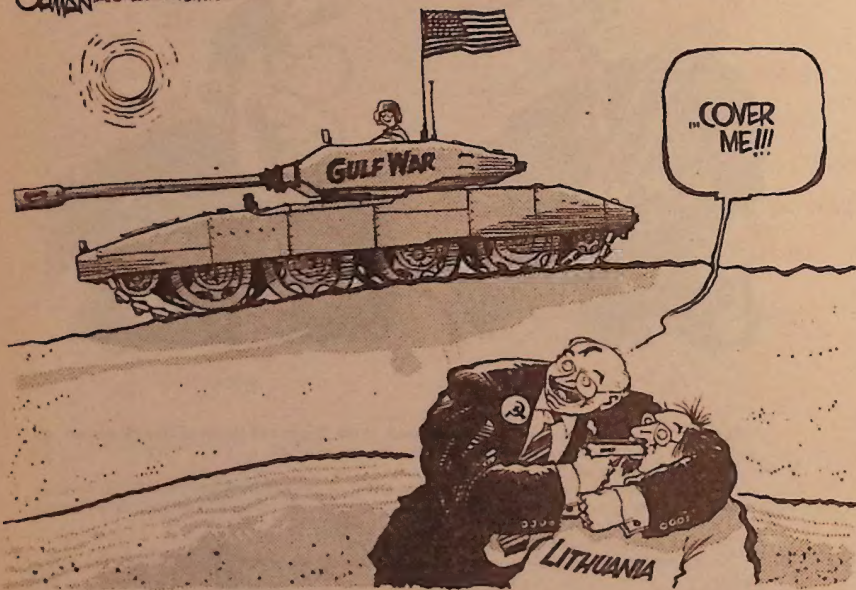




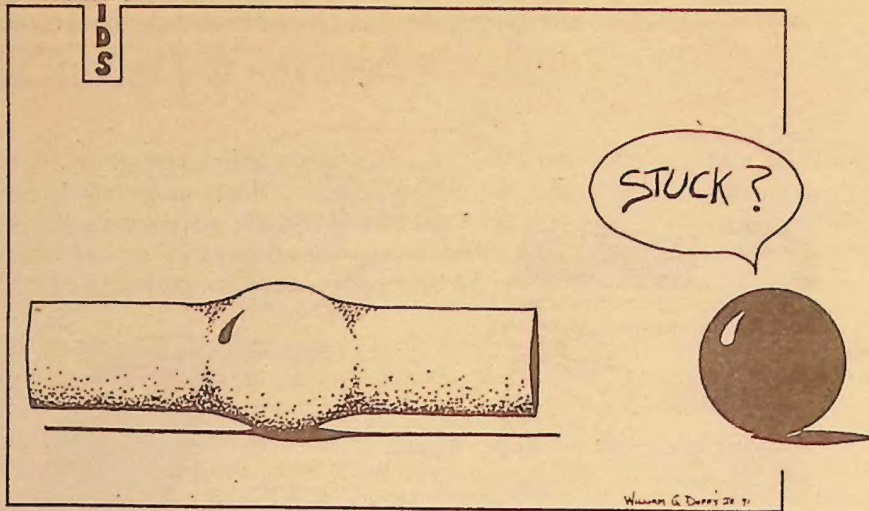
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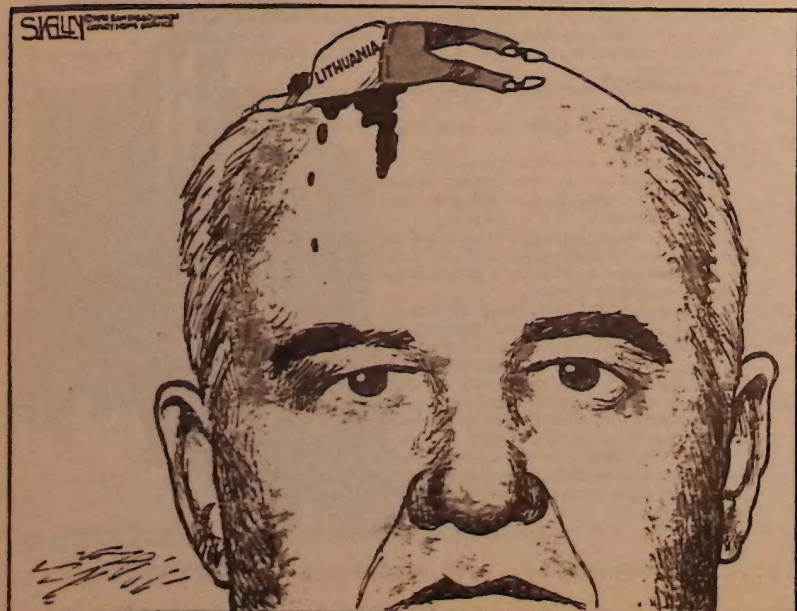
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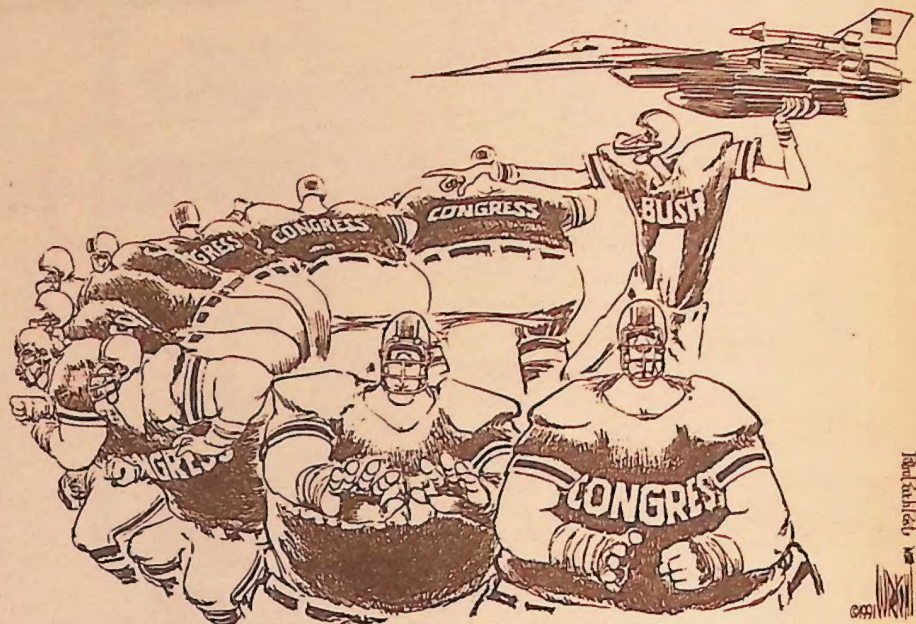
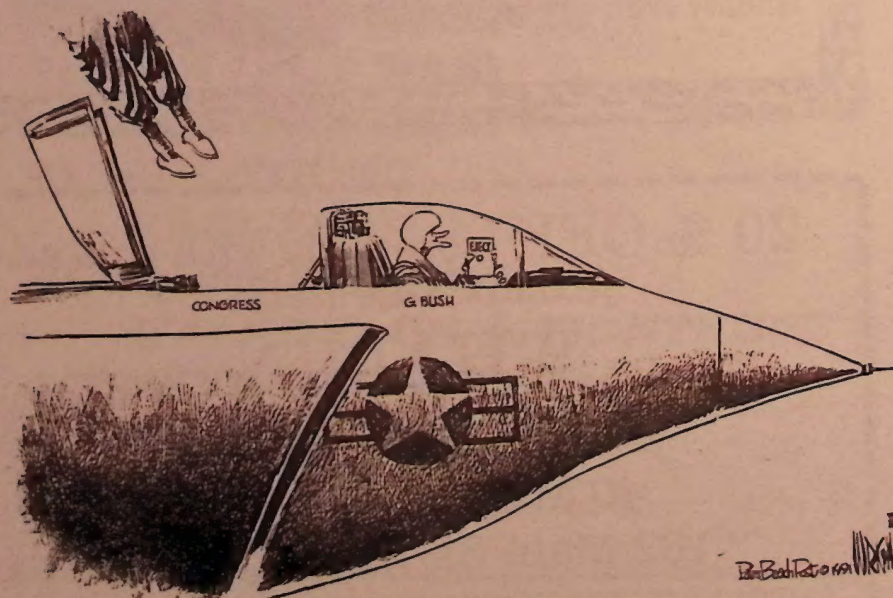
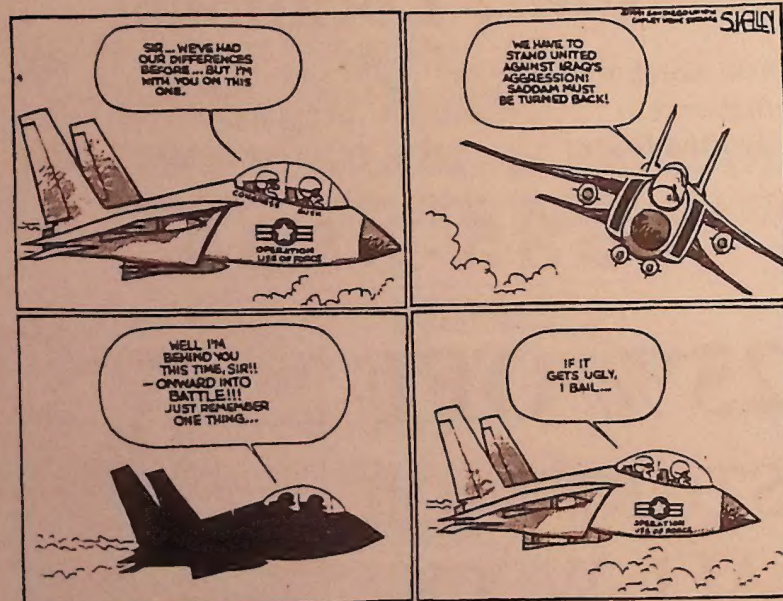
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To provide and maintain a navy;

To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces;

To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, as may be employed in the service of the United States, to regulate the discipline preferred by Congress;

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Well, here we are on Issue #31, and believe it or not it's been almost a year and a half that we've been publishing the Comic News. The response from the community has been extremely encouraging, to say the least. So we've decided it's time to find out who you, our readers, are. Not only for our advertisers, but also to put to rest the nagging question, "Who would want to read a paper full of comics?"

To this end we offer this, the *First Valley Comic News Survey and Prize Give-away*. All that is required of you is to fill out the survey below, send it in by February 10th, and five days later our crack staff will pick entries at random for the many cool prizes offered. The winners' names will be published in issue #33, (be the envy of all your friends). Now we realize that filling this thing out is a chore, and licking a stamp leaves that stale taste in your mouth, but you would be doing us a great service. You could compare it to casting your vote in an election, but when was the last time George Bush bought you lunch?

The Questions Please;

1. What is your Gender?  
☐ Male ☐ Female

2. How old are you?  
☐ Under 18  
☐ 18-21  
☐ 21-25  
☐ 26-31  
☐ 32-40  
☐ 41-55  
☐ 56-65  
☐ Over 65

3. How many in your household?  
☐ 1  
☐ 2  
☐ 3  
☐ 4 or more

4. Schooling?  
☐ High School  
☐ Community College  
☐ Attended College  
☐ Attending College  
☐ Undergraduate Degree  
☐ Graduate Degree  
☐ Graduate Degree +

5. Which best describes your job?  
☐ Professional  
☐ Service Worker  
☐ Student  
☐ Retail  
☐ Educator  
☐ Clerical  
☐ Manager  
☐ Other

6. How much did you haul in last year?  
☐ Less than \$10,000  
☐ \$10 - \$19 Thou  
☐ \$20 - \$29 G's  
☐ \$30 - \$39 Smackers  
☐ \$40 - \$49 Semolians  
☐ \$50 - \$59 Big Ones  
☐ \$60 - \$69 K  
☐ \$70,000 - \$79,999.99  
☐ \$80 - \$89 Bananas  
☐ \$90 - \$99 Chump Change  
☐ Over 1,000,000 pennies  
☐ More than *that* even

7. What kind of plastic do you have?  
☐ Visa  
☐ MasterCard  
☐ American Express  
☐ American Express Gold  
☐ Discover  
☐ Store Card (Sears, Steigers, etc.)

8. Do you plan to buy a car in the next year?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Did you ever dance with the devil in the pale moon light?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Do you own your own home?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Have you bought any goods or used any services you've seen in the Comic News?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

12. Which of these have you used in the past year?  
☐ Doctor  
☐ Lawyer  
☐ Indian Chief  
☐ Stockbroker  
☐ Accountant  
☐ Architect  
☐ Home Repair Person  
☐ Chiropractor  
☐ Caterer  
☐ Therapist  
☐ Masseuse/Masseur

13. How often do you eat out?  
☐ Never  
☐ 1-2 times a week  
☐ 3-5 times a week  
☐ Over 5 times a week

14. When you decide to step out, what's it generally for?  
☐ Music  
☐ Dining  
☐ Dancing  
☐ Movies  
☐ Theatre  
☐ Sporting Events  
☐ Peace Rallys  
☐ Crime

15. What would you most like to see added to the Valley Comic News?  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. Are you from New Jersey?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ What's it to ya?

17. I would like to pick up the Comic News at ...  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. How do you think the Comic News is doing? (Don't hold back, lay it on us!)  
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19. Would you like to treat an out-of-town friend to a year's subscription at this special low, *low*, discount price of \$15?  
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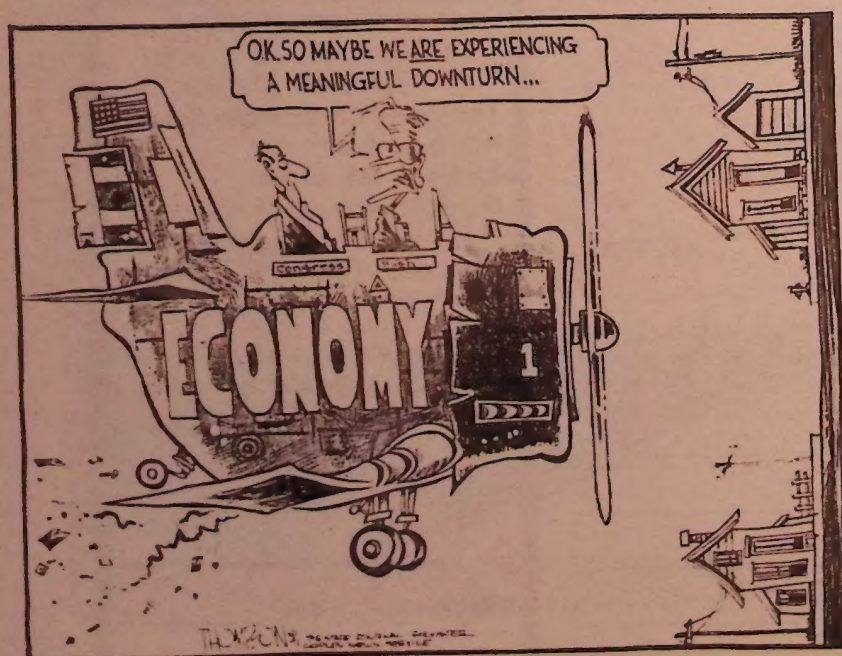
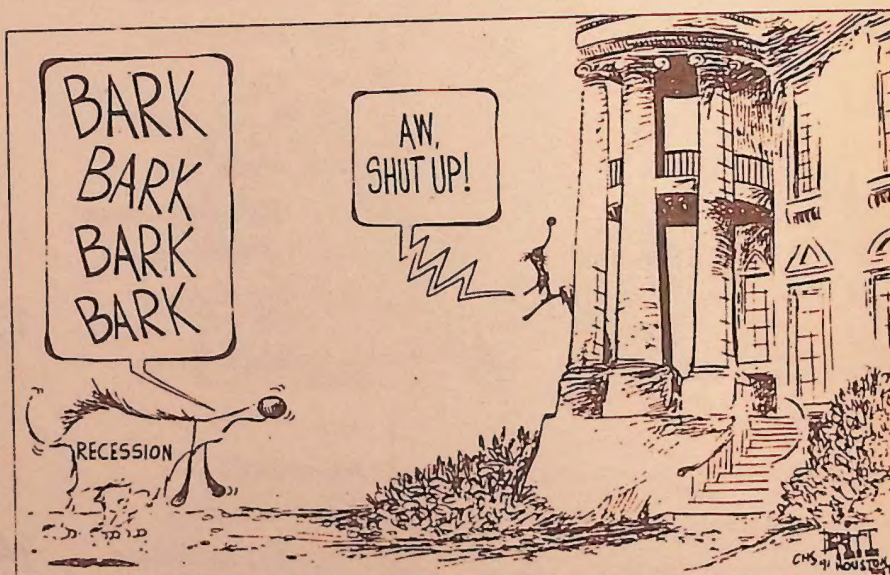
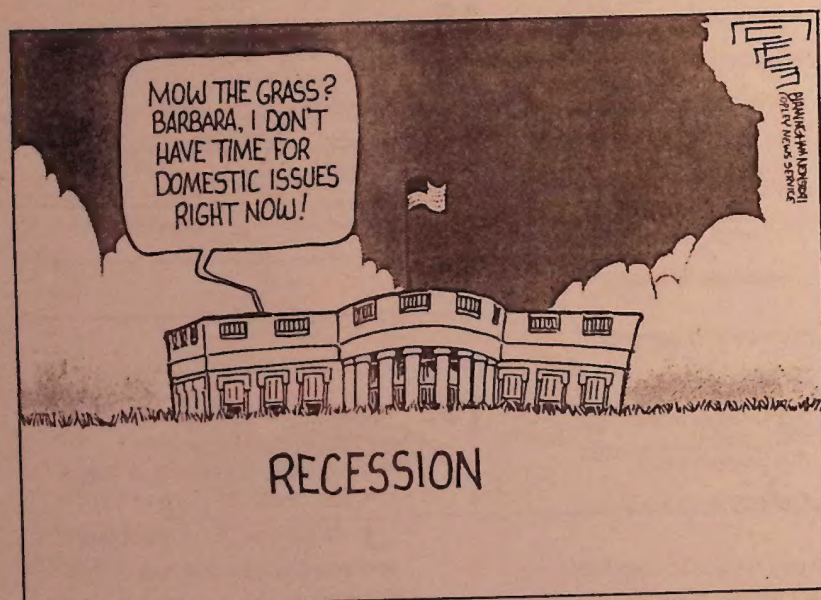
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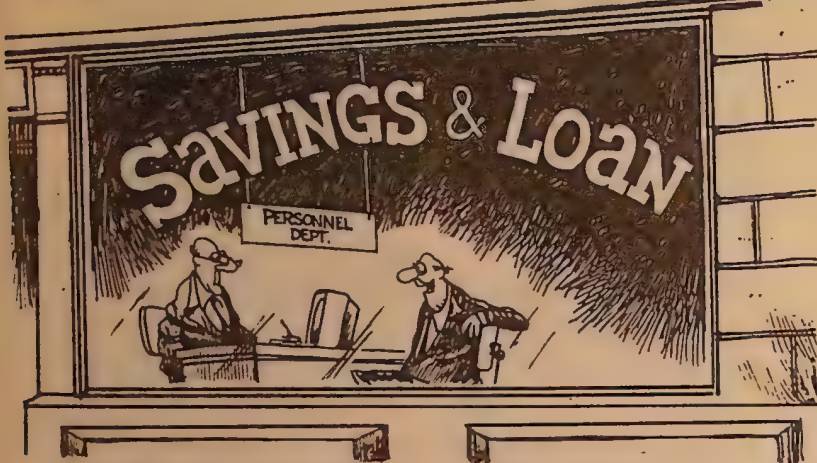
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# TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT by L. M. Boyd

Arabic has 350 words for sword

On file at the Florida Bureau of Vital Statistics, I'm told, are such individuals' real names as "Skyrocket", "Teflon", "Lavoris", "Apple", "Cherry Pie", and "Full Dress Coat"

It was the French beauty Jeanne Moreau who said, "Age doesn't protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age."

It was a London physician, Gaston Tawan, M.D., who proved drinkers get drunk more quickly on whiskey and soda than just on whiskey alone. He asked medical students to help him run the tests, and was swamped with volunteers.

If you've ever invented anything, please note: Many firms offer to promote your invention for a fee. Researchers did a study on them. Paul Turley of The

Federal Trade Commission is quoted as saying not a single one of 30,000 people who paid such promoters ever made a profit.

India wants to stop polluting the Ganges River. So it's building electric crematoriums thereby.

If you're looking for a hobby you'll never completely master, collect butterflies. Those who do say there are more, far more, than 100,000 species.

It's an historical fact that Lawrence of Arabia got seasick every time he climbed on a camel.

Why doesn't Barbara Bush sit in on all her husband's cabinet meetings? Helen Taft did. All.

The Great Lakes are full of fish and shellfish from Europe. Wait, not full, but there are a lot of European species. From

ballast water dumped therein from European ships.

Psychologists insist a person who lies takes a little longer to answer questions than one who tells the truth. Sounds reasonable.

Don't believe this would have been quite as funny if it hadn't been said by Johnny Carson: "When turkeys mate, they think of swans."

Q. In Poker, doesn't Four of a Kind beat everything?

A. No sir. Ranking, high to low: Royal Flush, Straight Flush, Four of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, Three of a kind, Two Pair, One Pair, High Card.

A renowned batter in baseball asks: In what other sport can an athlete fail seven out of every ten tries and still be considered good?

Puritans started Boston. Quakers started Philadelphia. Catholics started Baltimore. As religious havens. But not New York. The early Dutch there wanted trade in beaver pelts, that's all. They put their incipient city where it was easy to move pelts from Indian canoes to ocean-going ships. And didn't build a church until 14 years later. So reports the historical writer John Steele Gordon.

The old "Howdy Doody Show" ran for three weeks before Howdy Doody himself appeared on it.

That French lady of letters Francois Sagan said, "I like men to behave like men - strong and childish."

Happens sometimes that a lion kills a baby elephant. Also happens sometimes that an elephant herd hunts down such a lion and tramples it to death. That has been documented.

Reports are waves in the North Atlantic are getting bigger from year to year, but why is not yet known.

What you and I call New Year's Eve is known by the Barbados Islanders as Old Year's Night.

Q. At least one youngster under 15 in the United States is shot to death accidentally every day, according to the handgun banishers. How many are wounded daily?  
A. 10

To one Molly Weist you can credit this: "War is the biggest ego trip of all time."

Wives are older than their husbands in 23 percent of all marriages.

Before you plant corn, you need weather warm enough to let you sit comfortably upon the ground stark naked. Some farmers still say that, but they didn't say it first. Seneca Indians did.

If both husband and wife are quite attractive physically, they have to work harder to preserve their marriage. So say students of matrimony. They're both more accustomed to getting special treatment than giving it.

Increasing sunlight activates your pineal gland. That stirs a restlessness. Experts say it explains Spring Fever.

Year after year, the people hurt while dancing outnumber the people injured while practicing the martial arts.

"The most terrible poverty," said Mother Theresa, "is loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted."

Pantyhose are light, warm, and supportive. An officer of the law volunteers the thought that we'd be amazed if we knew how many policemen wear pantyhose:

The Czechoslovak-born writer Tom Stoppard contends, "It's not the voting that's democracy - it's the counting."

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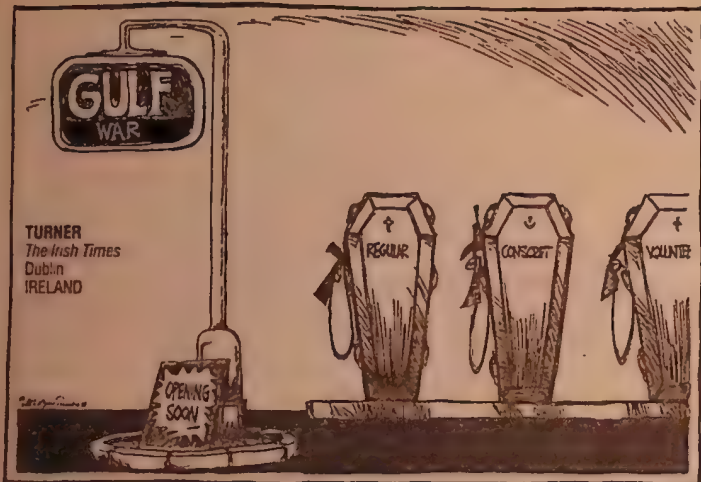


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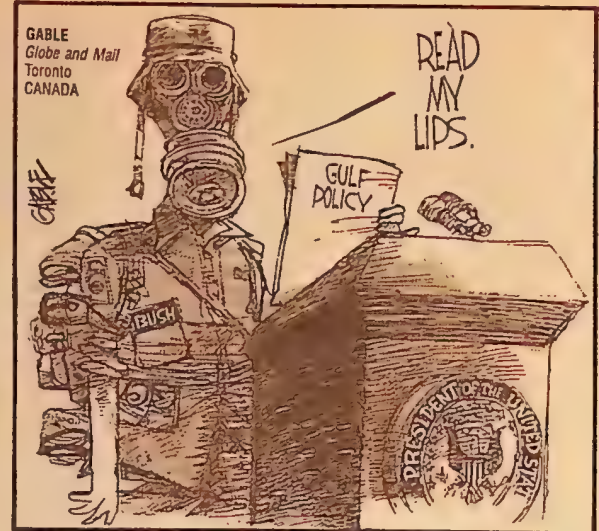
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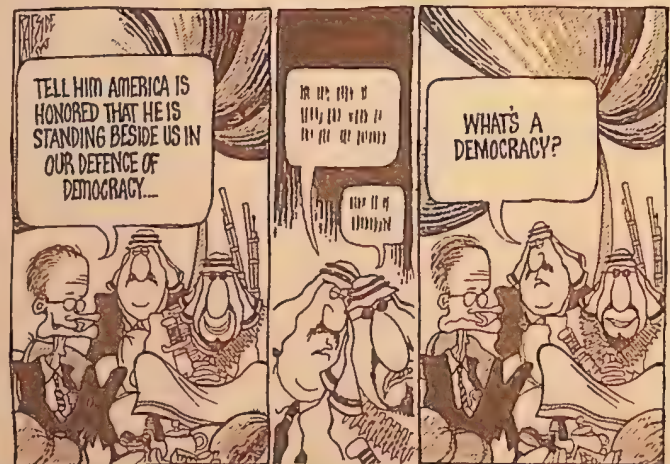
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## War Warnings



Huge oilfield fires set off by bombardments in a Persian Gulf war could cause climatic changes, and even lead to a failure of monsoon rains in Asia, a British scientist theorized at a one-day conference called by Britain's Green Party and Jordan. Paul Cox, a chemist who has worked in Gulf oil fields, said simultaneous fires at hundreds of wells could cause a cloud of smoke to darken the sky 1,000 miles from Kuwait. "Temperatures in the Gulf itself could fall 20 degrees because the smoke would block out sunlight," Cox said.

## Cold Waves



More than 150 people froze to death in the northern parts of India and Pakistan and southern Afghanistan during an unexpected cold wave and blizzard that lashed the Himalayas. Several areas, including the Indian-controlled Vale of Kashmir, were cut off by landslides, avalanches, and flooding, as well as dense fog which closed airports for several days.

The second arctic blast of the season plunged western Canada and the northwestern United States into another deep freeze. The arctic front whipped up the worst snowstorm to strike Vancouver in 22 years. High winds knocked out power to thousands of residents in the Seattle area, some of whom had been without electricity for several days during a storm just prior to Christmas.

## Earthquakes



A strong temblor damaged water tanks and roofs on Papua New Guinea's New Britain Island. A swarm of at least two dozen quakes rattled western Nevada, causing minor damage in the capital, Carson City. Earth movements were also felt in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, Japan's central Pacific coast, southern Quebec, Mexico's Jalisco coast, southern Alaska, and Washington State.



## Rain Forest Preserve



Conservation International, an environmental group, announced that it has found "the largest unlogged coastal temperate rain-forest watershed anywhere on Earth" in British Columbia, and urged the provincial government to preserve it. The group told officials it surveyed areas from Alaska to Chile before discovering the Kitlope River watershed south of Kitimat—roughly 125,000 acres of contiguous, unlogged, and undisturbed watershed from mountaintops to sea. "There are wild runs of all five species of Pacific salmon, large populations of grizzly, mountain goats, and wolves, as well as spectacular waterfalls, turquoise glacial lakes, and Indian petroglyphs," said group vice-president Spencer Beebe. A spokesman for Seeka Sawmills, a company with cutting rights to the area, was "not pleased" with the group's campaign, and said preservation would cost revenue and jobs.

## Rain Prayers



Millions of Egyptian Moslems performed prayers for rain as the country continued to suffer a drought which threatens farming along the Mediterranean. In the northwestern border area with Libya, thousands of acres of barley, wheat, and fruit may be lost if seasonal rains don't arrive.

## Floods



Floods in Peru's central highlands killed six people, left 12 others missing and made 500 families homeless. Rescue workers recovered bodies from the turbulent waters of the Shullcas River, outside the central Andean city of Huancayo. Peru's rainy season began in early December, and ended a 13-month drought.

Flash floods triggered by torrential rains in northeastern Mexico left tens of thousands homeless and caused extensive crop damage. The hardest-hit area was the agricultur-

ally rich state of Sinaloa, where two dams burst.

Hundreds of residents in Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia fled rising floodwaters as creeks and rivers crested following one of the wettest weeks, and years, on record.

Flooding caused by ice jams on the St-Francois River, 65 miles east of Montreal, forced 100 people from their homes.

## Washington's Warmest



The year 1990 was the warmest on record in Washington, D.C., with the annual average temperature soaring to 60.2 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the U.S. National Weather Service. Analysis of weather records which began in 1917 show an irregular, but definite warming trend in the nation's capital.

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## Wild Winds

Several onslaughts of high winds, snow, and torrential rains battered the British Isles where at least 29 people died in various weather-related mishaps. Ten crew members of the Malta-registered ship *Kimya* drowned when the vessel overturned off the coast of Wales. In Ireland, six Swedish tourists were killed when a tree crashed onto their tour bus. The winds downed power lines, blacking out tens of thousands of homes. Ferry service throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland, and to ports across the English Channel, was halted.

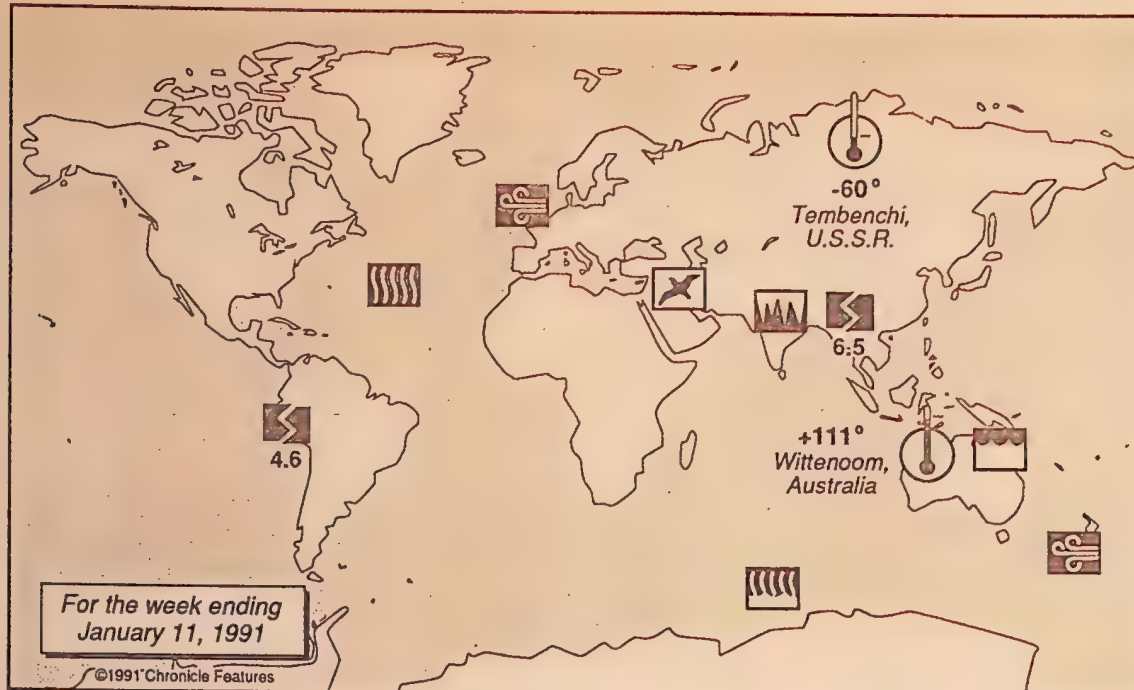
Severe gales lashed the New Zealand capital of Wellington and part of the South Island. The average winds of 55 mph, with gusts to 87 mph, were the strongest in Wellington in more than a year.

## Global Warming

Scientists in London and New York announced that the year 1990 was the hottest on record around the world. In coordinated announcements, the British Meteorological Office and NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Science said their data shows the year was the warmest since widespread record-keeping began in the 19th century. "In our opinion, the case for a cause-and-effect relationship between the global warming and the greenhouse effect is becoming harder to deny," Goddard director James Hansen said in a statement.

## Killing Cold

A Siberian coldfront, which plunged much of the Indian subcontinent into its chilliest weather for more than 25 years, killed almost 100 people. Most of the victims in the northern parts of Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh were impoverished, and had little clothing or shelter to protect them against the unusual cold.



## Earthquakes

A powerful temblor struck near Burma's second largest city, Mandalay. While little damage was reported from near the epicenter, the quake was so powerful that it overloaded seismic instruments in neighboring Thailand, and rocked skyscrapers 800 miles away in Bangkok. A strong tremor rattled Lima, waking thousands of residents in the Peruvian capital, but causing no damage or injuries.

## Floods

Eleven days of incessant rains from the passing of tropical cyclone Joy created some of the worst flooding to strike northeastern Australia since 1954. The city of Rockhampton in Queensland State was isolated by the flooded Fitzroy River, which made roads impassible and halted train service. Airplanes and helicopters dropped fodder to thousands of stranded and starving livestock.

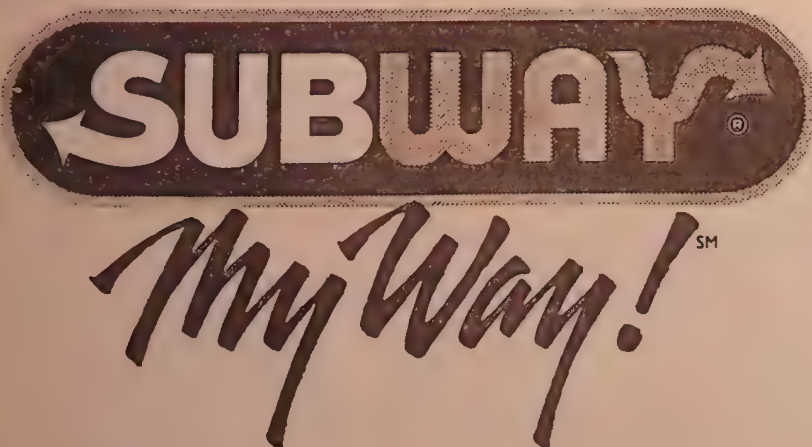
## Thermal Sounding

Australian and U.S. scientists set sail for a small island near Antarctica where they will transmit underwater honks through the world's oceans in an attempt to see how the global warming may be effecting the deep. From 50 miles off Heard Island, the team will lower a sonic transmitter 980 feet into the water and send 219-decibel pulses at a frequency of 57 hertz. Measurements of the traveling time of the pulses to listening devices around the world should allow an accurate thermal mapping of the deep oceans. It should take at least seven years to get an "average" measurement before analysis of any ocean warming can be made. The experiment has drawn loud protests from environmentalists worried that the sounds could harm whales, seals, and fish, and affect their ability to navigate. The frequency to be used is in the range of the seal's greatest hearing sensitivity.

## Gulf Pigeons

Switzerland, one of the world's most staunchly neutral countries, may contribute to the multinational force in the Persian Gulf with some highly-prized recruits. The Swiss army has plans to supply 34,500 trained carrier pigeons if the complicated communications systems of the joint forces fail or are blown up by Iraq, according to *The European* newspaper. Walter Tanner, head of the military pigeon house in Berne, said, "The enemy could never intercept them." Although not experienced in desert conditions, they are fairly solid birds, he said. The 3,500 "regulars" could be supplemented by drafting up to 31,000 civilian birds in the event of war. The Swiss army has trained carrier pigeons since 1917 and increased their numbers in the force each year.

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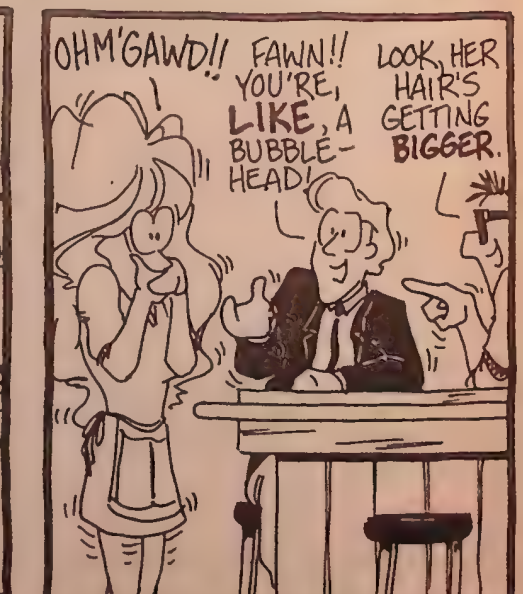
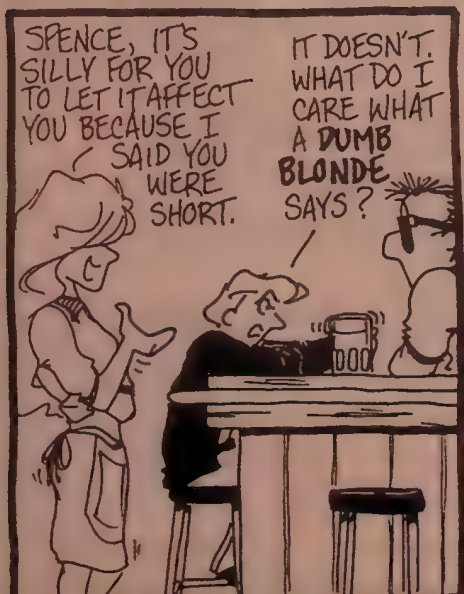
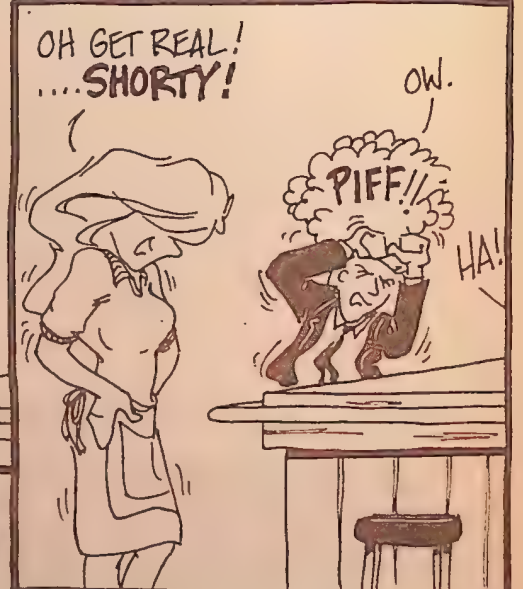
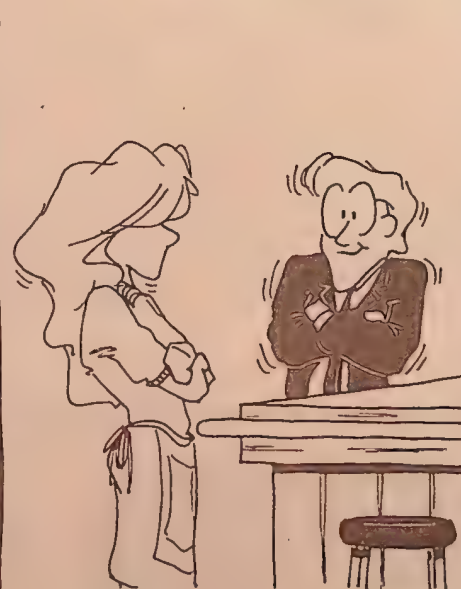
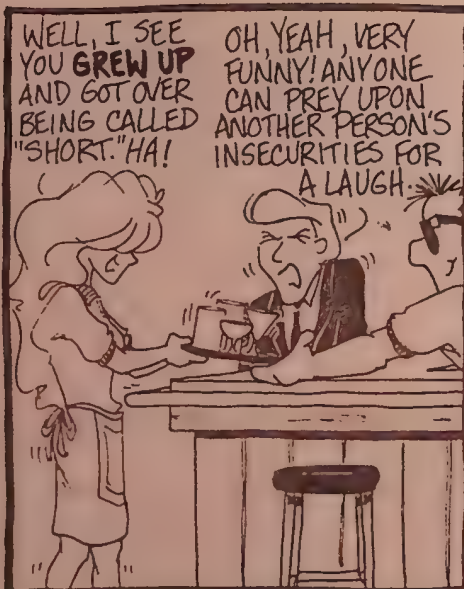
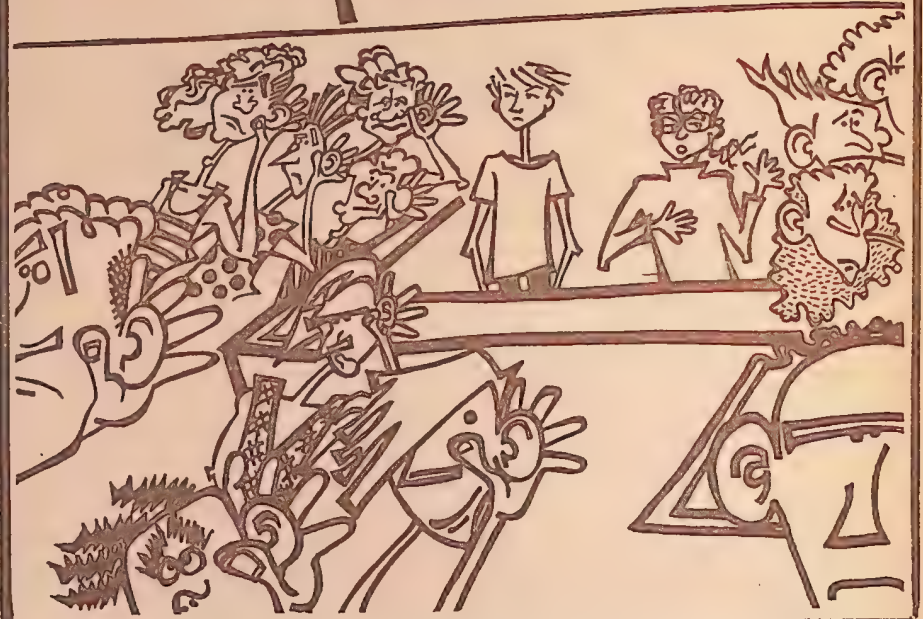
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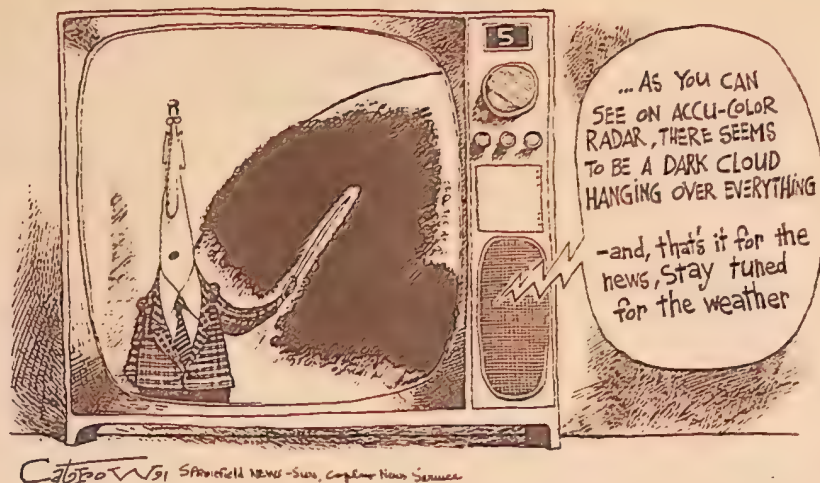
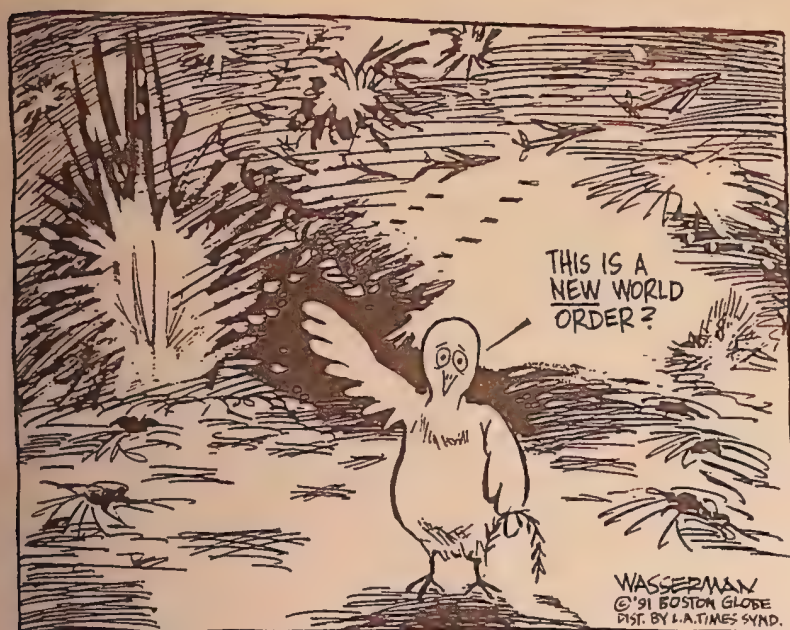
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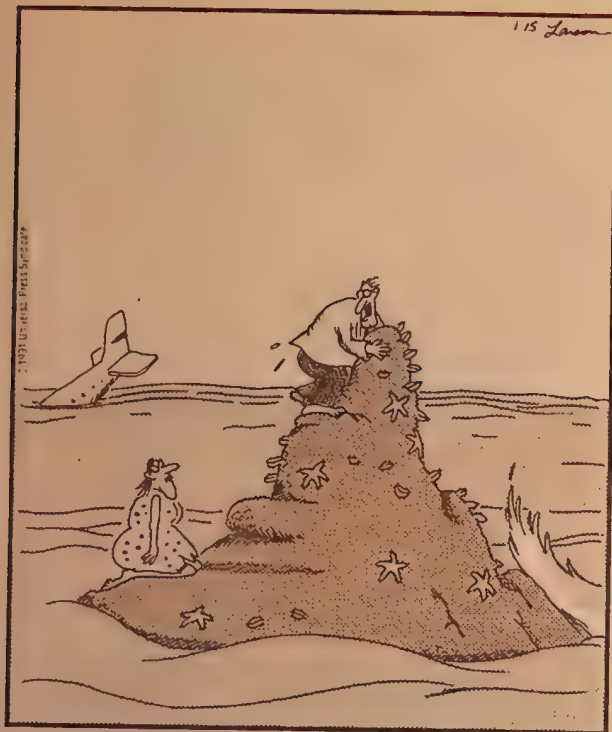


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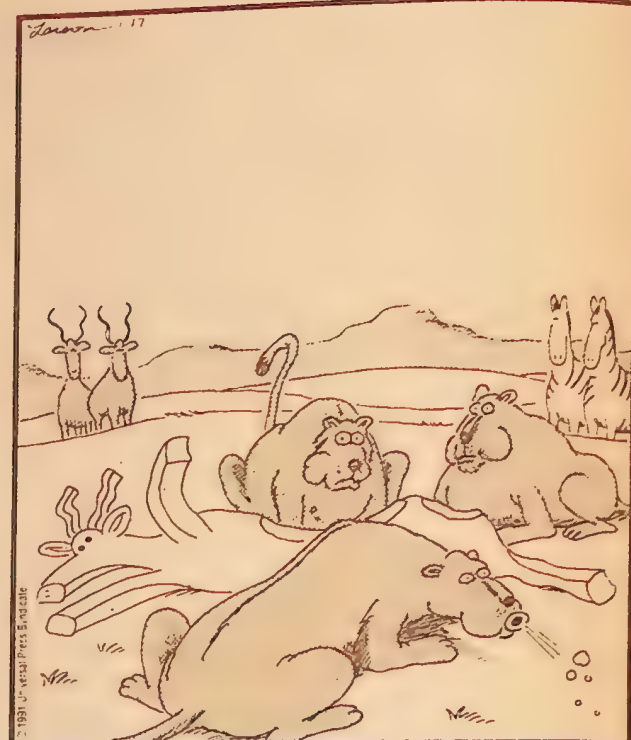
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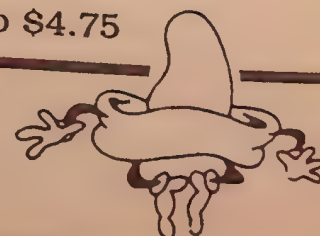
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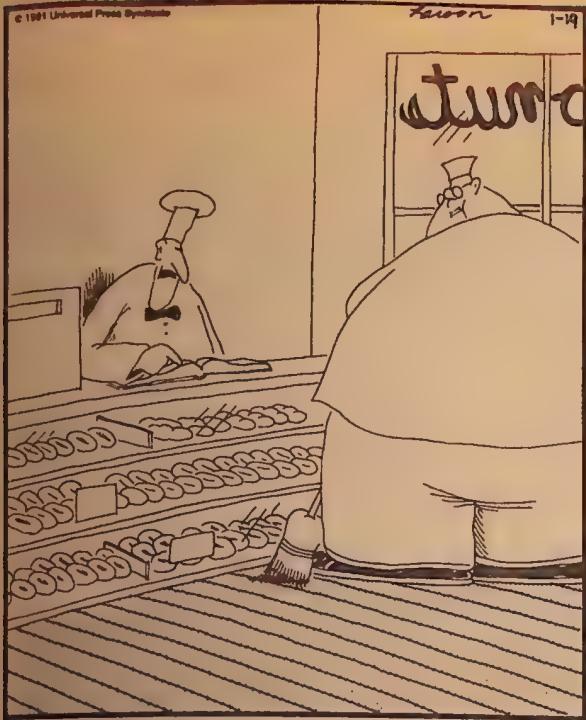
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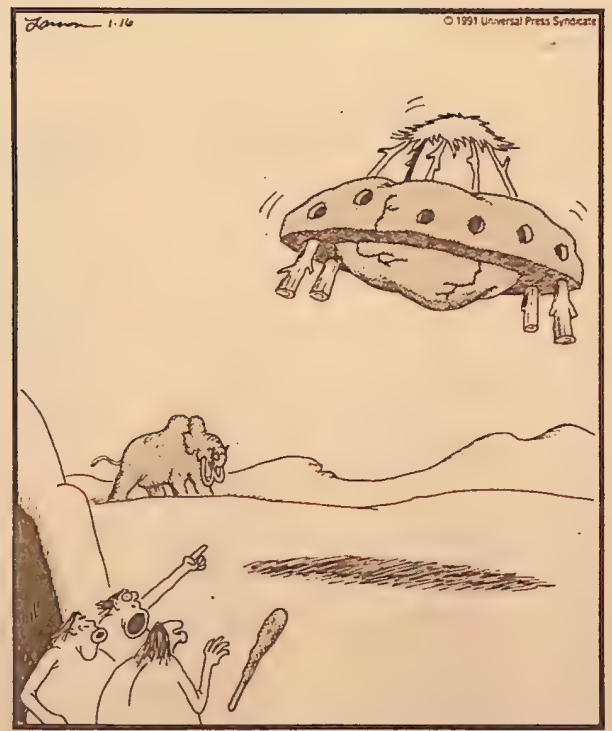
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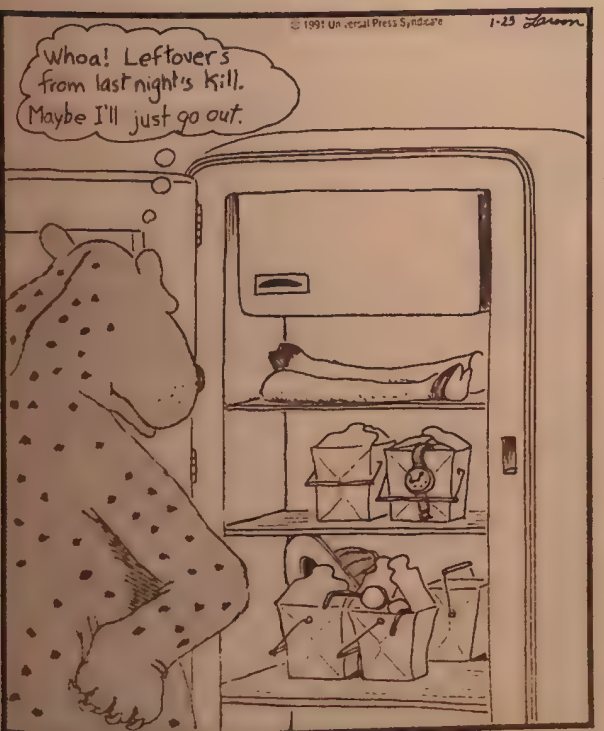
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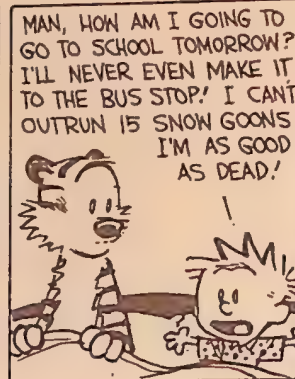
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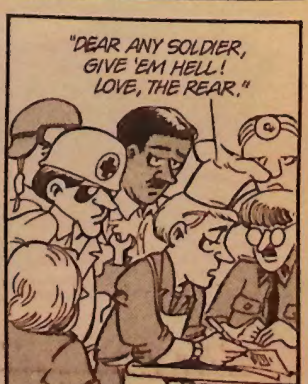
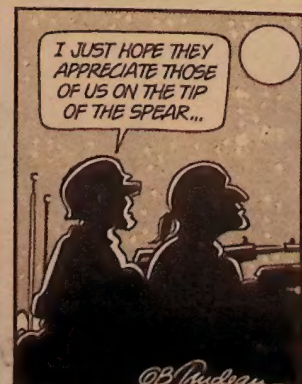
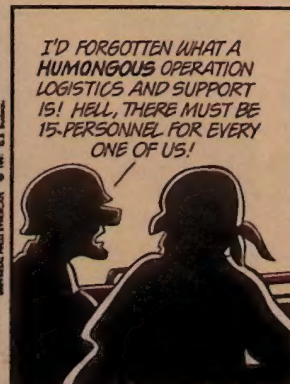
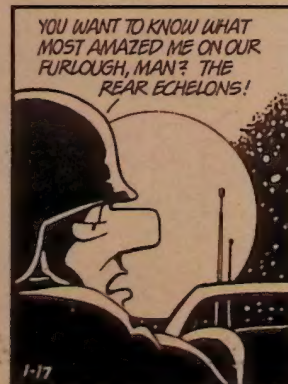
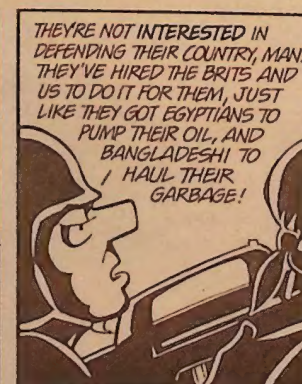
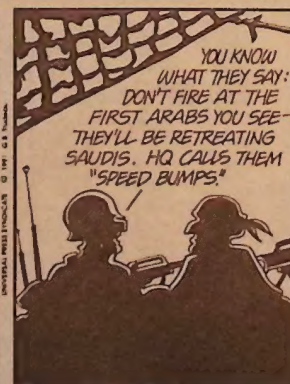
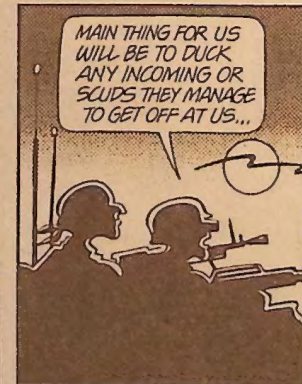
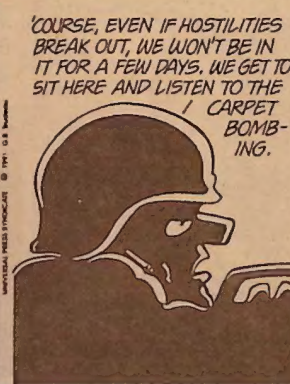
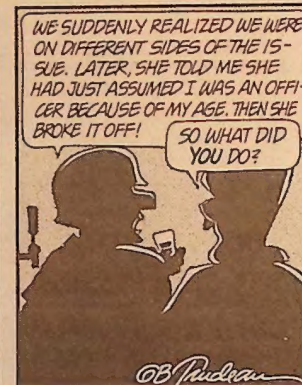
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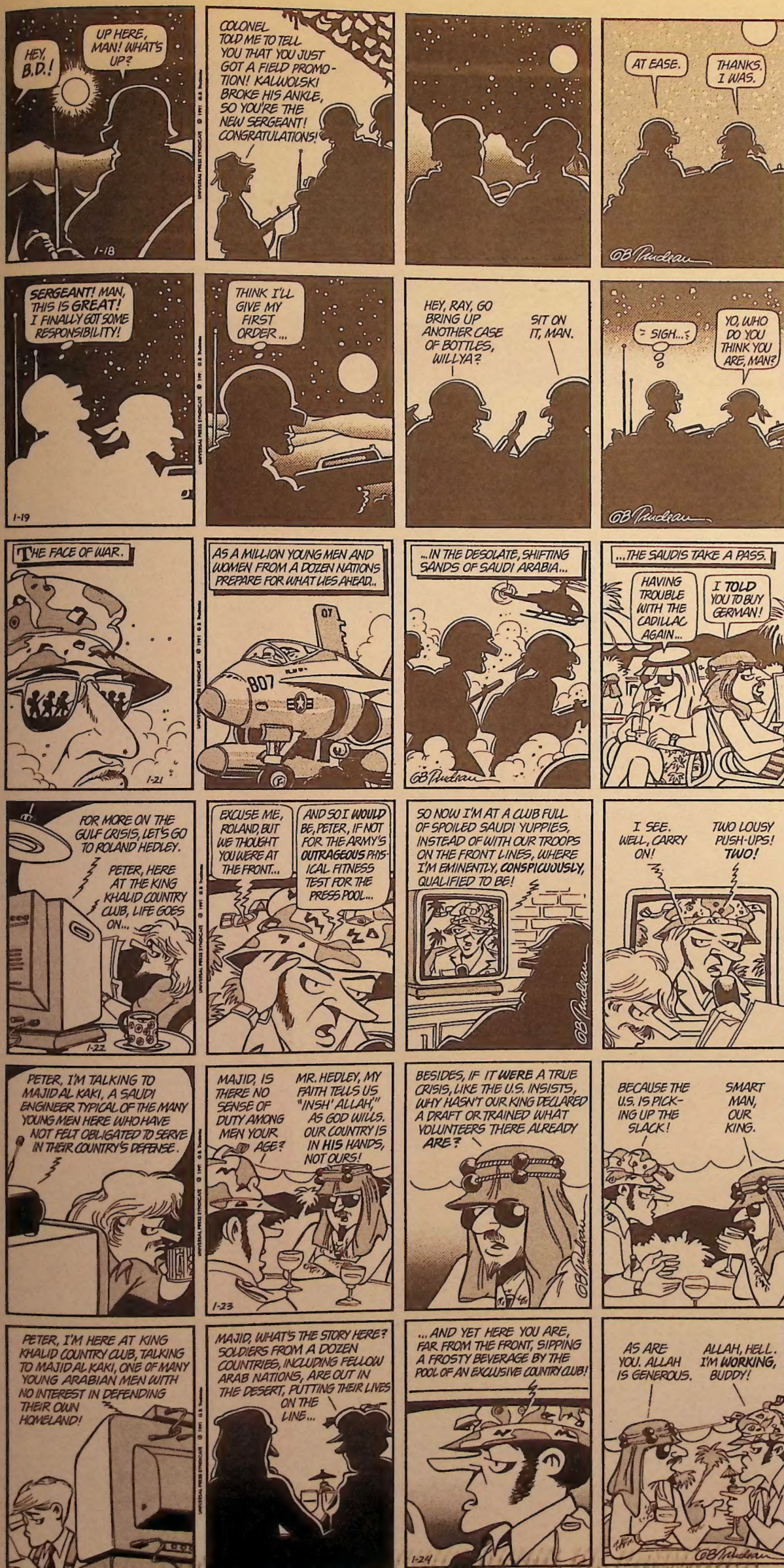
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